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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences
Committee - 9 April 1965

1. Dr. Wheelon, accompanied by Carl Duckett, [Redacted] and John S. Warner, briefed Senators Clinton P. Anderson and Margaret Chase Smith on the Soviet space program. Also present was James Gehrig, Acting Staff Director. There was a technical sweep of the room and no transcript was taken.

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2. Dr. Wheelon, with several interruptions, briefed generally in accord with the attached outline, utilizing a series of charts. He did not cover all of the details but did hit the major points.

3. Senator Anderson questioned the matter of not making Soviet failures public. Dr. Wheelon explained the security reasons behind this and the difficulties attendant upon them. He did not attempt to make a judgment as to the specifics of this matter but merely indicated there were problems in the background.

4. Senators Anderson and Smith were extremely interested in this briefing, were most attentive and asked a number of pertinent questions. I learned later from Mr. Gehrig that they had commented most extravagantly on the quality of the briefing and the help it gave them in fulfilling their legislative responsibilities.

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